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JURY IS SELECTED IN BLAIR TRIAL

He Is Charged With Murder of Man Under Whom He Had Served Five Years.

Greensboro, N. C., December 16.—William Finley Blair, age thirty-one years and former chief clerk in the division freight offices of the Southern Railway, was today placed on trial for the murder of Freight Agent George G. Thompson, under whom he had served for five years. The twelfth jury was chosen after 182 of the special venire of 200 had been exhausted. The State this afternoon laid the foundation of its case and will probably conclude its testimony to-morrow. Evidence produced by the examination of a dozen witnesses today gave little additional light on the shooting. In substance, it was shown that Thompson directed a note of dismissal to Blair because of an unexplained absence of ten days, and that Blair, in a fit of rage, shot him in the back of the head. Thompson went to the Blair home, and shortly after arriving neighbors and officers rushed in to investigate five pistol shots. They found Thompson dead with bullets in his body and Blair crouched in a room threatening to take his own life, and at the same time shouting: "I have killed my best friend." There were no eye-witnesses. The character of testimony developed by the defense in cross-examination indicated that an effort would be made to establish a quarrel between Blair and Thompson, and to show that Blair fired the shot which struck Blair in the back of the head.

Resolutions of Respect.
Resolutions adopted by the bar of the city in respect to the memory of Major Charles S. Strickland were presented to the City Circuit Court yesterday by James Caskie, and were ordered by Judge Scott to be spread on the record of the court.

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LEE'S BIRTHDAY TO BE OBSERVED

Heflin and Roddenberry Will Make Speeches Before Alexandria Veterans.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Alexandria, Va., December 16.—R. E. Lee, Confederate Veteran, will observe Lee's birthday on January 19 next, with a banquet which will be served at Lee Camp Hall. The speakers will be Representatives Thomas Heflin, of Alabama, and S. A. Roddenberry, of Georgia.

It is also expected that Senator John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi, and Representative (near Underwood, of Alabama, and Representative Kitchen, of North Carolina, will attend.

The banquet will be presided over by William R. Smoot, commander. It will be served by the Woman's Auxiliary of R. E. Lee Camp, Confederate Veterans.

Petition in Bankruptcy.
A petition in voluntary bankruptcy was filed yesterday in the United States District Court by H. M. Burroughs, a tailor, of this city. The liabilities amount to \$571. The schedule lists assets amounting to \$135, of which \$100 is an insurance policy on the petitioner's life.

Postmaster Improving.
The condition of Postmaster Edgar Allan, Jr., who has been at St. Luke's Hospital for more than six weeks, continues to improve. For a long time his condition was regarded as critical and an operation was thought to be imperative. It is probable now that Mr. Allan will recover without an operation.

Suspected of a Felony.
R. W. Thompson was arrested yesterday by Detective Denny and held at the First Police Station as a suspicious character, suspected of having committed a felony. Robert D. Brown, colored, was arrested on a warrant charging him with stealing \$100 from Ellen Gibson.

Richard Wood, colored, was arrested by Bicycle Patrolman Jackson on the charge of stealing \$150 from the Virginia Laundry.

Arrest Two for Cruelty.
H. Rosenstein was arrested yesterday on the charge of cruelty to a horse. Sam Abraham was arrested on the charge of cruelty to a dog. The cases will be prosecuted by Agent E. C. Taylor, of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, when they are called this morning before Police Justice Crutcher.

Say He Had Revolver.
Mitchell Mathews, nineteen years old, was arrested yesterday on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon, a revolver.

Keeper Richardson Ill.
Charles E. Richardson, keeper of River View Cemetery, is seriously ill at his home near the Riverview entrance.

Shields Better.
R. F. Shields, who has been ill in the Retreat for the Sick, is improving steadily.

VETERAN DIES

Edward R. Betts Will Be Buried at Noon From Soldiers' Home.
The funeral of Edward R. Betts, the Confederate veteran who died yesterday morning in the Lee Camp Soldiers' Home, will be held at noon today in the chapel at the home. Interment will be in the soldiers' section of Hollywood Cemetery.

Mr. Betts, born in Halifax County, Virginia, in 1832, served in the 11th Virginia Cavalry from 1861 to 1865. He leaves a son, a brother and two sisters.

V. M. I. QUARTERS

Building Secured for Their Accommodation in Washington.

Quarters have been secured in Washington for the battalion of cadets of the Virginia Military Institute, which will attend the inauguration ceremonies for President-elect Woodrow Wilson. The battalion will be stationed in what is called the "Old Masonic Temple," at Ninth and F Streets, Northwest. A committee, composed of Colonel Joseph Patton and General Charles J. Anderson, of the board of visitors of the Institute, with Mayor George Ainslie, an alumnus, called on President Stevens, of the Chesapeake and Ohio, in regard to rates. It is believed they will be made favorable.

SWEET POTATO DAY

Railway Lines Agree to Introduce Southern Delicacy.

To-morrow is to be "Sweet Potato Day" on a number of Southern railway lines. In order to stimulate the use of Southern-raised sweet potatoes as a table delicacy, the Southern Railway, the Cincinnati, New Orleans and Texas Pacific, the Alabama Great Southern, the New Orleans and North Eastern, and the Mobile and Ohio Railway lines have entered into an arrangement to serve sweet potatoes free in various styles on all of their dining cars to-morrow. Special menus are being prepared to advertise "Sweet Potato Day," and the Southern Railway heretofore has regularly included in the menus on dining cars of the lines mentioned, the potato being to enlarge the market for this valuable Southern product and encourage farmers and growers to pay more attention to the growing of sweet potatoes as a money crop.

Fern-Leaf Inn.
The officers of W. V. C. have gone into a new venture in operating the Fern-Leaf Inn at Fifth and Grace Streets, a corner most convenient for Christmas shoppers. It is based on the plan of the popular, the rooms, which it goes several steps further and appeals to a hungry set of people.

New Stables Nearly Ready.
Reports made to the Council Committee on Street Cleaning last night showed rapid progress on the new stables for the department. Because of unexpected difficulties in securing foundations the appropriation will not be sufficient to complete the work, but the committee decided to eliminate any of the primes, holding that an additional appropriation should be made to complete the work.

Two Committees Meet.
At a meeting of the Council Committee on Water last night Superintendent Eugene E. Davis reported verbally on the progress of construction on the new water main designed to supply South Richmond. A number of minor extensions were ordered by the committee.

The Committee on Cemeteries held a prior meeting last night, approving vouchers and payrolls.

Colonel Albert Dead.
Father of Mrs. Archibald Cary Passes Away in Mississippi Home.
Colonel George W. Albert, whose death in Columbus, Miss., was announced by telegram to friends in this city yesterday morning, was the father of Mrs. T. Archibald Cary of Richmond. Mr. and Mrs. Cary left for Columbus two weeks ago, and were with

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"Diamond Brand" Shoes

(Peters Branch.)

Shipments for year ending December 10th, 1912 \$7,746,484.10
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Increase in shipments for 1912 \$ 833,265.33

Total Increase For 1912---\$1,164,754.68

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the largest in the world and our selling expense is the lowest. As the result of these economies we are SELLING shoes for less than it costs the average manufacturer to MAKE them.

Progressive merchants are fast learning that it pays them to concentrate their purchases with the manufacturer who constantly carries a stock of shoes from which they can quickly fill in their sizes as needed. This is the only way to prevent great losses resulting from rapidly changing styles and from expenses incident to carrying more goods than necessary.

This Company constantly carries by far the largest stock of shoes in the world. It is kept clean and fresh, our styles are good, and we serve our customers well.

"Star Brand" shoes are sold by 20,000 merchants. "Diamond Brand" shoes are sold by over 12,000 merchants. Friedman-Shelby shoes are sold by over 8,000 merchants. Each line is distinctive and separate. Each retains its individuality.

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On Every Sole

After December 15th, 1912, the business purchased from the Friedman-Shelby Shoe Company, will be conducted under the direction of Mr. John C. Roberts. It will thereafter be known as the "Friedman-Shelby Branch." Its customers will participate in all the advantages and economies of the International Shoe Co.

The shipments of this branch for 1912 are not included in the above statement.

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JUDGE'S DEFENSE BEGUN IN SENATE

Attorney Woodward, Archibald Witness, Is Put Through Severe Grilling.

Washington, December 16.—James H. Woodward, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., attorney for the Lehigh Valley Railroad, whose appointment as a jury commissioner was the basis for one of the charges against Judge Robert W. Archibald, became the central figure in today's opening of the defense in the trial by impeachment now in progress before the Senate.

Mr. Woodward was produced to disprove the imputations against Judge Archibald that the latter had favored the railroads in settling the jury commission.

When Judge Archibald's attorneys finished with the witness he was put through a grilling by members of the Senate and by the House managers in the course of which he admitted that if a jury commissioner deliberately set about the interests of the railroads, he declared he never had done this, and that it would be a complicated and difficult task to accomplish.

The opening testimony concerned chiefly the value of the "Railroad" Railroad coal dump, which Archibald is charged with having gained control of through influence brought to bear on its owners, the Erie Railroad. Several witnesses testified to prove the low value of the property.

at \$1,000. The action is said to grow out of a business transaction, and to be for money alleged to be due in connection with the sale of certain stock.

BUY MANASSAS LAND

Bill in Congress for Purchase of Ground on Which Monuments Stand.

Senator Swanson has a bill before Congress providing for the purchase of so much of the land at Manassas surrounding the monuments on the battlefield there as the Secretary of War shall deem necessary for the protection of the monuments and to enable the citizens of the country to visit them. It is provided in the bill that societies representing military organizations taking part in the battle may be permitted to erect additional monuments on designs and locations approved by the Secretary of War.

The commission in charge is to be composed of three persons—one of whom must be a Federal veteran and another a Confederate veteran. The sum of \$200,000 is provided to carry out the purpose of the act.

In June, 1861, United States troops of the Department of Washington took possession of ground on the field and erected there

two monuments. They still stand on private property, the nation never having acquired title.

WILL PAY FOR COLLISION

City Responsible for Damage to William's Car.

The Council Committee on Relief of the Poor last night recommended to the Council payment of the claim of Rufus E. Williams of \$250 for damage to his automobile by being in collision with a city ambulance at Laurel and Franklin Streets. The accident happened on the night of the Richmond booster parade some months ago. The ambulance was not answering a call at the time, but the driver and physician were hurrying upward to see the parade when the collision occurred. The committee has heretofore approved the bill for repairs to the ambulance.

LOCK BOXES CHEAPER

Post-Office Announces Cut from \$4 to \$3 Per Quarter on Largest Size.

Acting Postmaster W. H. Southward announced yesterday that beginning January 1 next rates per quarter on the largest size

lock-boxes will be reduced from \$4 to \$3. The reduction follows a recommendation by the local office that the cut be made.

In the old post-office the largest boxes were in the form of drawers and rented for \$1 per quarter. In the new equipment the drawers have been replaced by larger boxes, opening with a hinged door like the rest, and of slightly smaller cubic capacity. The cut was recommended because of the shrinkage in size. There are 15 boxes of this class in the new post-office.

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